

# City of Marina

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Honorable Robert O'Farrell  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Monterey County  
Post Office Box 1819  
Salinas, California 93902

RE: 2001 Grand Jury Report – Animal Services

Dear Judge O'Farrell,

Thank you for forwarding the Monterey County Grand Jury Report addressing animal services. The Marina City Council has supported animal welfare for over a decade and continues to voluntarily provide animal control and shelter services to county residents. We are proud of our efforts to provide pet adoption as an alternative to euthanasia. We believe Marina to have one of the highest adoption rates per capita of any regional shelter.

As the above report accurately states, all shelters within the county experience over-crowding and are challenged with limited resources. As you are aware, only the County and cities of Salinas and Marina provide public animal shelters. Many unwanted pets from other jurisdictions end up in the above shelters, thus contributing to the over crowding and increased demand for spay and neuter services.

The Marina City Council approved \$100,000 this fiscal year for shelter expansion/improvements. The Department of Public Safety is currently conducting cost analysis and exploring additional options and appropriations as the above amount was not sufficient to meet our current shelter needs, not to mention future projected demands for animal welfare.

Current appropriations for animal services in the city of Marina total \$140,374 in actual operating costs, not including the above expansion monies. This is already a significant cost per resident and I'm informed additional funding requests will be presented in next year's budget proposal to meet increased demands for animal services in this community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Perrine".

James E. Perrine, Mayor